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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after a Request for Continued Examiner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in the above-identified application.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

Applicants hereby make the following information of record in the above-identified application whose relevance is discussed below.

Applicants bring to the examiner's attention enclosed copies of communications for co-pending or granted applications:

Application No. 10/712,621, filed November 13, 2003:

Restriction Requirement, dated February 7, 2006;

Non-final Office Action, dated August 9, 2006;

Final Office Action, dated January 11, 2007;

Appellant's Brief Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37, dated November 6, 2007;

Examiner's Answer, dated December 20, 2007;

Appellant's Reply Brief Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.41, dated February 20, 2008; and

Decision on Appeal, dated December 16, 2009.

Application No. 10/712,685, filed November 13, 2003:

Non-final Office Action, dated February 22, 2006;

Non-final Office Action, dated July 5, 2006;

Non-final Office Action, dated November 28, 2006;

Interview Summary, dated November 28, 2006;

Final Office Action, dated May 16, 2007;

Appellant's Brief Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.37, dated December 17, 2007;

Examiner's Answer, dated January 30, 2008;

Appellant's Reply Brief Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.41, dated March 28, 2008;

Decision on Appeal, dated July 14, 2009; and

Non-final Office Action, dated October 22, 2009.

Application No. 10/712,166, filed November 13, 2003:

Restriction Requirement, dated June 29, 2007;
Non-final Office Action, dated October 11, 2007;
Non-final Office Action, dated June 16, 2008;
Non-final Office Action, dated June 9, 2009;
Final Office Action, dated December 31, 2009.

Application No. 10/712,163, filed November 13, 2003:

Restriction Requirement, dated June 29, 2007;
Non-final Office Action, dated October 24, 2007;
Non-final Office Action, dated April 21, 2008;
Final Office Action, dated September 9, 2008;

Application No. 11/311,528, filed December 19, 2005:

Restriction Requirement, dated October 1, 2009.

Application No. 10/712,248, filed November 13, 2003:

Non-final Office Action and Restriction Requirement, dated June 7, 2005.

Application No. 10/712,250, filed November 13, 2003:

Restriction Requirement, dated June 29, 2007;
Non-final Office Action, dated October 11, 2007;
Advisory Action, dated September 29, 2008;
Non-final Office Action, dated December 29, 2008.

Application No. 10/712,674, filed November 13, 2003:

Non-final Office Action, dated June 28, 2007;

Final Office Action, dated September 9, 2008;

Advisory Action, dated December 23, 2008;

Non-final Office Action, dated March 17, 2009.

Applicants further invite the Examiner to review the papers filed in each of the above-noted applications.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form:

The English translation of JP 2003-94064 which has been previously cited is provided.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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